Mississippi Weekly Weather & Crop Report

Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service

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WEATHER SUMMARY (NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE): It was colder and drier than normal across Mississippi during the week. Temperatures were exceptionally cold with extremes ranging from 11 degrees at Oxford on the 5th to 72 degrees at Bay St. Louis on the 7th. Temperatures averaged between 18 and 19 degrees below normal for the week following the passage of several cold fronts November 1st and 7th. Precipitation was recorded on 1 to 2 days and averaged near 1/10 of an inch. Mississippi State University recorded 1.02 inch on the 8th for the greatest amount of rainfall during the week.

CROP SUMMARY: There were 4.4 days suitable for fieldwork last week compared to 4.8 days last year and 4.8 for the 5—year average. Soil moisture was rated 26% short, 46% adequate, 23% surplus and 5% excessive with a soil temperature of 50 degrees. Pasture was rated 82% of normal. The main activities were harvesting crops and planting winter wheat.

	CROP PROC	CROP CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES							
CROP EVENT		THIS YEAR	1990	5–YR AVG	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCEL- LENT
CORN	Harvested	98	100	98	-	-			
COTTON	Harvested	91	96	93		24	12	48	16
PECANS	Harvested	45	21	28	2	36	46	14	2
RICE	Harvested	98	99	100		24	48	28	
SOYBEANS	Harvested	71	78	73		5	33	62	
WHEAT	Planted	64	63	60		4	60	36	
	Emerged	49	41	49					-
LIVESTOCK						6	8	73	13

"COMMENTS"

GRENADA CO AGT "Cotton is doing well, the hard freeze hurt us some on very late cotton."

LEFLORE CO AGT "Rain slowed harvest – some fields muddy – freeze got some of the late maturing cotton (bolls froze)."

HINDS CO AGT "Frost destroyed our pepper plants. Possible grazing problems on old sorghum fields."

BENTON CO AGT "Snow and rain stopped all field work. Harvest of all crops is near completion. Very little wheat has been planted."

TATE CO AGT "Snow on Wednesday put a stop to all harvest. This is the first time in many years we have had a snow in November."

CARROLL CO AGT "Hay quality is "poor" - Hard freeze Sunday and Monday nights temporarily damaged winter grazing. Permanent pastures will provide very little nutrients for remainder of the winter."

MONTGOMERY CO AGT "We will remember 1991 for sometime – after a disastrous spring start, we are harvesting an exceptional cotton and soybean crop."

LOWNDES CO AGT "Freezing temperatures have brought all warm season grasses to a halt, and have cattlemen feeding hay because winter grazing is not ready."

PIKE CO AGT "Moisture sufficient for winter grazing crops. Soybean harvest almost complete and yields are above normal. Commercial hot pepper season over with recent killing frost."

YAZOO CO AGT "Heavy frosts have caused beef producers to begin winter feeding programs. Gins are still backlogged as a result of oil mills being full of cottonseed."

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